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Subject: **May 15, 2005, Progress Report**  
**J.H. BAXTER ARLINGTON FACILITY**  
**Docket No. RCRA-10-2001-0086**

Dear Ms. Palumbo:

This letter provides the May 15, 2005, progress report for work under the Administrative Order on Consent (AOC) for the J.H. Baxter & Co. (Baxter) facility during the period from April 15, 2005 to May 15, 2005.

#### **Significant Developments This Period**

This section discusses significant developments for the referenced reporting period, including actions performed and any problems encountered relative to work required by the AOC. Significant developments that occurred on this project during this reporting period are outlined below:

- There were no significant developments this period.

#### **Anticipated Developments Next Period**

This section discusses developments anticipated during the next reporting period, as outlined below:

- EPA and Baxter have scheduled a meeting for June 21, 2005, to discuss the Site Investigation Report.

#### **Anticipated Problems and Problem Resolution**

This section discusses anticipated problems, and planned resolution of past or anticipated problems.





No new problems or issues have been identified at the facility.

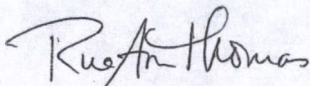
### Other Information

Any other information relevant to the AOC is discussed in this section, including results of any sampling or testing completed within the reporting period.

- Baxter has continued settlement discussions with EPA regarding In the Matter of J.H. Baxter and Company, Arlington, Washington EPA #ID WAD 053823019, and on May 9, 2005, executed a Tolling Agreement with EPA in connection with the discussions.

### Certification

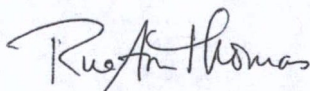
I certify that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to evaluate the information submitted. I certify that the information contained in or accompanying this submittal is true, accurate and complete. As to those identified portions(s) of this submittal for which I cannot personally verify the accuracy, I certify that this submittal and all attachments were prepared in accordance with procedures designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gathered and evaluated the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system or those directly responsible for gathering the information, or the immediate supervisor of such person(s), the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.

Signature: 

Name: RueAnn Thomas  
Title: Environmental Programs Director  
Date: May 16, 2005

We trust this letter meets the intent of the Progress Report per Paragraph 71 of the AOC. If you have any questions, please contact me at (541) 689-3801.

Sincerely,



RueAnn Thomas  
Environmental Programs Director

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